

Review of the October 28, 1998 Workshop

About eighty five percent of the evaluations from the October 28, 1998 workshop “Electronic Information Management” rated the program either “good” or “excellent.” Many said there was “a good mix” or “a nice balance” of speakers from large academic libraries and small public libraries.

The evaluation also surveyed recommendations for future workshops and topics of interest for future editions of Point of Reference, the Reference Section’s newsletter. Ideas for future workshops included the cable industry’s role in providing internet service to libraries, workstation maintenance, and integrating electronic media acquisition practices into reference collection development processes. Recommendations for future coverage in Point of Reference included family oriented gateways / search engines, and reference service for disabled patrons.

How do you feel about some of these ideas ? Do you have other ideas that you feel the Reference Section should address, or topics that Point of Reference should cover ? If want to talk about these issues, or have other questions about the Reference Section or NJLA, just give me a ring at work [see the contact information for the editor on the back cover of the newsletter]. I look forward to hearing from you.

Libraries in Three Counties Open To Residents of Cooperative

Do you work in a county other than the one you live in ? Do you often visit friends and relatives or shop in another county ? If you have a hometown library card in a member library of BCCLS [in Bergen County], PALS [in Passaic County], or M.A.I.N. [in Morris County], you can walk into any of these participating libraries and borrow books !

The procedure that permits you to circulate books this way is called “open borrowing” and is simple to do. Visit your hometown library. The library staff will place an official HRLC (Highland Regional Library Cooperative) sticker on your library card. When you visit your first library from outside of your “home” county, that library

will register your into its circulation system. You then can borrow books from any member library of that county's consortium.

All three consortia have the same circulation software, and the online public access catalogs for each network operate similarly. The Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS) has a Web catalog at <http://web2.bccls.org/html/welcome.html>. The Morris Automated Information Network (M.A.I.N.) will be getting a Web catalog in 1999. For the present, the M.A.I.N. catalog can be reached on the Web at <telnet://main.morris.org>, or dial 973-989-5999 from an on-line personal computer. When connected, press the ENTER key and type the name of the community from the list of community usernames on the screen; if your community is not on this list, please log in as PUBLIC.

The open borrowing program is a pilot project of the Highlands Regional Library Cooperative, a seven county cooperative of libraries supported by state funding. The cooperative’s website is at <http://www.highlandsnj.com/hrlc.htm>.

The Citation / Location Center

The Citation/Location Center has an office in Alexander Library, at Rutgers University, and is a free service of the New Jersey Library Network. Staff at member libraries can call the Citation/Location Center for help in facilitating problematic interlibrary loan requests.

At no charge, the Citation/Location Center will...

...fill in the missing elements of incomplete citations...
...provide ISSN, ISBN, or OCLC numbers so that you can submit your ILL request to the Access Center...
...and find alternative sources for you to obtain material not available through the Access Center.

To serve New Jersey librarians, the Citation/Location Center has access to OCLC, RLIN, and DIALOG, plus numerous specialized indexes, such as MLA, CINAHL, PsychINFO, and ABI/INFORM.

Print sources that the Citation/Location Center uses to track down older material include the National Union Catalog pre-1956 Imprints; New York Public's Dictionary Catalog of the Research

Libraries; Chemical Abstracts; Engineering Index; and periodical indexes with coverage back to the nineteenth-century.

With the time and resources to track down hard-to-find items, the Citation/Location Center has been successful in obtaining material from as far away as Sweden, South Africa, and Japan. Besides its work with interlibrary loan, the Citation/Location Center also accepts reference questions in the social sciences and humanities that cannot be answered at the local level or by a Regional Reference Center.

To reach the Citation/Location Center, call 1-800-874-0067. Visit its Web site at: <http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rulib/services/citation/>.

IRS Form and Publication Availability

Forms and publications are available by phone (1-800-TAX-FORM), at local IRS offices, many Post Offices and some libraries, and by computer:

- WWW: http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/forms_pubs/index.html
- TELNET: [iris.irs.ustreas.gov](telnet://iris.irs.ustreas.gov)
- FTP: [ftp.fedworld.gov/pub/](ftp://ftp.fedworld.gov/pub/)
- If you have a fax modem and fax software, you can access IRS TaxFax through your personal computer. Use the following fax number: 703-368-9694.

NY State, PA and NJ Tax Forms

Try these automated information phone numbers for tax information in New York State, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. The URLs indicated can also get you to the online tax-oriented database for each state. These sites require a program like Adobe Acrobat for the printing and viewing of the tax forms and publications.

New York State Tax Department	1-800-225-5829
http://www.tax.state.ny.us	Taxpayer Assistance Bureau
Pennsylvania Dept. of Revenue	1-888-728-2937
http://www.revenue.state.pa.us	
NJ Division of Taxation	Tax Talk 1-800-323-4400
http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation	

NJ Division of Taxation Offices

Normal hours of operation for the offices listed below are usually from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Offices are closed on holidays and weekends.

Camden Suite 200 - One Port Center - 2 Riverside Drive
Fairlawn 2208 Route 208 South
Newark 124 Halsey Street - Second Floor
Northfield 1915A New Road - Route 9
Sea Girt 2100 Highway 35 - Old Mill Plaza
Somerville 75 Veterans' Memorial Parkway - Suite 103
Trenton Taxation Building - 50 Barrack Street - First Floor Lobby

Internal Revenue Offices throughout NJ

ATLANTIC COUNTY - Mays Landing - 5218 Atlantic Avenue
BERGEN COUNTY - Paramus - 1 Kalisa Way
CAMDEN COUNTY - Cherry Hill - 57 Haddonfield Road
ESSEX COUNTY (EAST) - Newark - 970 Broad Street
ESSEX COUNTY (WEST) - Fairfield - 165 Passaic Avenue
HUDSON COUNTY - Jersey City - 30 Montgomery Street
MERCER COUNTY - Trenton - 44 S Clinton Ave - (3rd Floor)
MORRIS COUNTY - Parsippany - 1719 Route 10 East
MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Edison - 100 Dey Place - Wick Plaza
MONMOUTH COUNTY - Ocean Twp - 1500 Allaire Avenue
PASSAIC COUNTY - Paterson - 200 Federal Plaza
UNION COUNTY - Mountainside - 200 Sheffield Street

Websites for the Holidays

The below listed sites can help you observed find important facts about each of these events that occur during this winter's holiday season.

Christmas (*Christmas on the Net*) List of stories and books; traditions; plant care; music, sheet music and lyrics of some Christmas music, craft ideas and more. <http://www.santaland.com/>

Hanukkah (*Hanukah Resources Guide*) Lists of books, electronic sources, crafts and customs -- both traditional and nontraditional. <http://www.hareshima.co.il/holidays/hanukkah.asp>

Kwanzaa (*Melanet's Kwanzaa Info. Center*) A mostly textual site describing the holiday (its symbols, principles, schedule of events, dictionary). <http://melanet.com/kwanzaa/whatis.html>

Ramadan (*Arabia Online*) A comprehensive section of the holy month of Ramadan and its history, religion, stories and food. <http://www.arabia.com/ramadan/>

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Happy Holidays !